

The DFG saltwater angling and diving record programs recognize exceptional saltwater finfish and shellfish taken in California by sport anglers and divers. The program has given DFG biologists the opportunity to examine trophy-sized catches since the 1950s...



Joseph Kokrak claimed the state angling record for treefish in 2003 with this 4 lb 3 oz fish.



The current state angling record for striped seaperch belongs to Joseph M. Holt, who landed this 2 lb 6 oz fish in 2011.



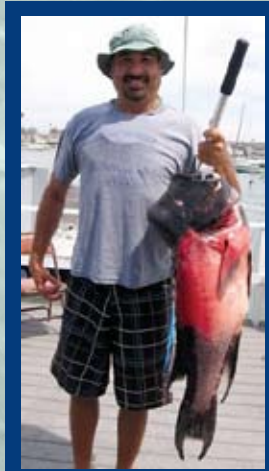
In 2009, Scott Bauer captured the state angling record for kelp greenling with this 3 lb 2 oz fish.



The current state angling record for California halibut belongs to Roger Borrell (right, with brother Robert) who landed the 58 lb 9 oz fish in 1999.



In 1998, Joseph Tobin claimed the state diving record for albacore tuna with this 30 lb 11 oz fish.



Matt Freis landed the state angling record for California sheephead in 2009 with this 30 lb 8 oz fish.

For more state record finfish and shellfish photos, visit:
www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/faqtrph3.asp

ON THE COVER: Sean Gizatullin established a new state record in 2010 with this 1,098 lb 12 oz shortfin mako shark caught off Anacapa Island.

Procedures to Apply for a Record

1. Record the date and location of the catch.
2. Take several pictures of the catch. Three or four good shots are adequate so that the finfish or shellfish can be clearly identified.
3. Weigh the fish on a **certified scale**. A grocery store or a sport angling shop should be able to help you get an official weight. Keep the receipt and send it in with your application. Make sure to write down the scale's official certification number.
4. Get two witnesses to verify the weigh in. These should be people you do not know. We will need their contact information for verification of your record.
5. Have a trained marine biologist correctly identify the catch. You can do this at California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) field offices (see current regulations booklet for locations) or you can take the catch to a university or a museum where a trained biologist can verify the species of your catch.
6. Fill out the entire application and turn it in, following all instructions provided (this brochure does not include all instructions). The complete procedural form and application are available from your local DFG office or on the DFG website. Different rules apply to the angling and diving record programs. Applicants are responsible for following all rules and instructions. To request record application forms, contact:

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Los Alamitos, CA 90720
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Alternate communication format available upon request. If reasonable accommodation is needed call 1-707-964-5026 or the California Relay (Telephone) Service for the deaf or hearing impaired from TDD phones at 1-800-735-2929.

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California Department
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California

Saltwater Angling
and
Diving Records



California Sport Diving Records			
Species	Length/Wt.	Year	Diver (Method)
Abalone, Red*	12 ½ in	1993	John Pepper (Free)
Barracuda, California	14 lb 7 oz	1957	Duke Pawlowicz (Free)
Bass, Barred Sand	12 lb 12 oz	2004	Steven Castro (Free)
Bass, Kelp	12 lb 1 oz	1996	Ron Mullins (Free)
Bonito, Pacific	10 lb 4 oz	1967	Sid Campbell (Free)
Cabazon	18 lb 6 oz	1984	Ron Granholt (Free)
Clam, Pismo	6 ¾ in	2010	Steve Crooke (Free)
Corbina, California	5 lb 15 oz	1982	Willis Reeder (Free)
Croaker, Spotfin	8 lb 12 oz	1968	Omar Wood (Free)
Dolphinfish	24 lb 8 oz	2009	Jason Merrell (Free)
Flounder, Starry	OPEN - Minimum size requirement: 8 lb		
Halibut, California	72 lb 8 oz	1982	William Skwarlo (Scuba)
Lingcod	36 lb 0 oz	1984	Paul Turnbull (Scuba)
Lobster, Spiny	16 lb 1 oz	1968	Jim Watt (Scuba)
Opaleye	13 lb 7 oz	1964	David Williams (Free)
Perch, Pile	OPEN - Minimum size requirement: 1 lb		
Prickleback, Monkeyface	4 lb 12 oz	2007	Christopher Saxl (Free)
Rockfish, Black	8 lb 3 oz	2008	Chris Cornett (Free)
Rockfish, Blue	3 lb 6 oz	2010	Galen O'Toole (Free)
Rockfish, Copper	9 lb 5 oz	1972	Dale Vinnedge (Free)
Rockfish, Grass	6 lb 0 oz	2001	David A. Doume (Free)
Rockfish, Olive	6 lb 0 oz	1985	Fred Cochran (Free)
Rockfish, Vermilion	10 lb 6 oz	1983	Steve Jackson (Free)
Scallop, Rock	11 ⅛ in	1972	Hank Harper (Scuba)
Seabass, White	93 lb 4 oz	2007	Bill Ernst (Free)
Seaperch, Rubberlip	3 lb 12 oz	2008	Lino J. Veiga (Free)
Shark, Blue	231 lb 0 oz	1974	Robert L. Ballew (Free)
Shark, Shortfin Mako	426 lb 0 oz	1999	C. Stewart Graham (Free)
Sheephead, California	40 lb 7 oz	1992	Chip Burton (Scuba)
Tuna, Albacore	30 lb 11 oz	1998	Joseph E. Tobin (Free)
Tuna, Bluefin	98 lb 0 oz	1982	Terry Maas (Free)
Tuna, Yellowfin	17 lb 13 oz	1992	Jim Russell (Free)
Yellowtail	65 lb 0 oz	1988	Tom Murray (Free)

* Red abalone may only be taken while free diving north of a line drawn due west magnetic from the center of the mouth of San Francisco Bay.

California Sport Angling Records (hook and line)							
Species	Weight	Year	Angler	Species	Weight	Year	Angler
Barracuda, California	15 lb 15 oz	1957	C.O. Taylor	Rockfish, Olive	5 lb 14 oz	1991	Haady Forbes
Bass, Barred Sand	13 lb 3 oz	1988	Robert Halal	Rockfish, Vermilion	14 lb 9 oz	1996	Bobby Cruce
Bass, Kelp	14 lb 7 oz	1958	C.O. Taylor	Rockfish, Yellowtail	5 lb 8 oz	1991	Alberto Cortez
Bass, Spotted Sand	6 lb 12 oz	1994	Matt Bergherm	Salmon, Chinook (King)	65 lb 4 oz	2002	Franklin T. Cox
Bonito, Pacific	21 lb 5 oz	2003	Kim Larson	Sargo	3 lb 3 oz	2010	Dennis Tyler
Cabazon	23 lb 4 oz	1958	Bruce Kuhn	Scorpionfish, Calif. (Sculpin)	3 lb 0 oz	1997	Nathan Weatherson
Corbina, California	7 lb 1 oz	2005	Scott Matthews	Seabass, White	78 lb 0 oz	2002	David L. Sternberg
Croaker, Spotfin	14 lb 0 oz	1951	Charles Dusart	Seaperch, Rubberlip	5 lb 0 oz	2009	Russell P. Jacobs
Croaker, Yellowfin	3 lb 14 oz	2000	Fred Oakley	Seaperch, Striped	2 lb 6 oz	2011	Joseph M. Holt
Dolphinfish	66 lb 0 oz	1990	Kim Carson	Shark, Blue	258 lb 8 oz	2008	Josh W. Bollinger
Flounder, Starry	11 lb 4 oz	1993	Steve Doshier	Shark, Leopard	47 lb 1 oz	2007	Ronald Schmidt
Greenling, Kelp	3 lb 2 oz	2009	Scott Bauer	Shark, Sevengill	276 lb 0 oz	1996	Cliff Brewer
Halibut, California	58 lb 9 oz	1999	Roger W. Borrell	Shark, Shortfin Mako	1,098 lb 12 oz	2010	Sean Gizatullin
Jacksmelt	1 lb 8 oz	1998	William J. Rogers	Shark, Thresher	575 lb 0 oz	2007	Daniel D. Lara
Lingcod	56 lb 0 oz	1992	Carey Mitchell	Sheephead, California	30 lb 8 oz	2009	Matt Freis
Mackerel, Jack	5 lb 8 oz	1988	Joe Bairian	Sole, Fantail	8 lb 8 oz	2001	Allan Sheridan
Mackerel, Pacific (Chub)	2 lb 8 oz	1995/2005	B. Tanji/T. Hilgert	Squid, Humboldt	OPEN - Minimum size requirement: 40 lb		
Marlin, Blue	692 lb 0 oz	1931	A. Hamann	Surfperch, Barred	4 lb 2 oz	1995/1996	A.J. Ferguson/F. Oakley
Marlin, Striped	339 lb 0 oz	1985	Gary Jasper	Surfperch, Calico	OPEN - Minimum size requirement: 1 lb		
Opah	163 lb 0 oz	1998	Tom Foran	Surfperch, Rainbow	OPEN - Minimum size requirement: 1 lb		
Opaleye	6 lb 4 oz	1956	Leonard Itkoff	Surfperch, Redtail	3 lb 4 oz	2010	Fred Van Amburgh
Perch, Black	1 lb 11 oz	2006	Matthew Michie	Surfperch, Walleye	OPEN - Minimum size requirement: 1 lb		
Perch, Pile	1 lb 15 oz	2007	Ronald Schmidt	Swordfish, Broadbill	452 lb 8 oz	2003	David M. Denholm
Prickleback, Monkeyface	6 lb 1 oz	2005	Kirk Lombard	Treefish	4 lb 3 oz	2003	Joseph Kokrak
Ray, Bat	181 lb 0 oz	1978	Bradley Dew	Tuna, Albacore	90 lb 0 oz	1997	Don Giberson
Rockfish, Black	9 lb 2 oz	1988	Trent Wilcox	Tuna, Bigeye	240 lb 0 oz	1987	Steve Hutchinson
Rockfish, Blue	3 lb 14 oz	1993	Terry Lamb Jr.	Tuna, Bluefin	243 lb 11 oz	1990	Karl E. Schmidbauer
Rockfish, Bocaccio	17 lb 8 oz	1987	Sam Strait	Tuna, Skipjack	26 lb 0 oz	1970	William Hall
Rockfish, Brown	6 lb 15 oz	2008	Robert Gibbons	Tuna, Yellowfin	239 lb 0 oz	1984	Ronald R. Howarth
Rockfish, China	3 lb 4 oz	1998	Joe Newman	Whitefish, Ocean	13 lb 12 oz	1988/2010	B. Schwenk/K. Yonei
Rockfish, Copper	8 lb 5 oz	1985	Kenny Aab	Yellowtail	63 lb 1 oz	2000	Kwang Nam Lee
Rockfish, Grass	5 lb 6 oz	2006	Kyle Spragens				
Rockfish, Greenspotted	2 lb 5 oz	2005	John Wallick				
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For a complete list of records with locations and exact dates of catch, please see the DFG Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/faqtrph3.asp.